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re: the PATENT Application of: **Earl Alexander Culham**

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Dear Kyle:

The following is a complete list of the claims annotated with their status and, where necessary, their markup. My remarks follow the revised claims.

CLAIMS

1-69. (cancelled)

70. (currently amended) A method of linking web pages, comprising the steps of:
associating at least one supplementary link with a primary its anchoring web page,
each such supplementary link including those features of the anchor which identify the
target of a hypertext link while also excluding those lacks the features of the anchor which
make a regular hypertext link visible in the output rendering of its anchoring web page,
thus a supplementary link is normally hidden from view and does not disrupt the flow of
text or graphics displayed on the its anchoring web page;

providing information processing means by which the at least one supplementary
link is may be transformed into a regular hypertext link.

71. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 70, at least one supplementary
link being stored in a datastructure that is separate from the primary its anchoring web
page.

72. (currently amended) The method as defined in claim 71, the datastructure being
associated with the primary its anchoring web page.